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California State Parks Capital District Superintendent Stephen Hill Looks Forward to New Challenges

Earlier this year, California State Parks selected Stephen Hill as Superintendent of its Capital District, encompassing a variety of park units in the immediate vicinity of Sacramento. Prior to the March 2001 beginning of his new duties, Mr. Hill served most recently as Superintendent of the nearby Calaveras District.

Affiliated with the California State Parks system almost continually since 1973, Hill has served in a variety of positions and units throughout the state. Throughout his career, he has enjoyed being able to step out of his office and directly into a State Park, where he takes great pleasure watching guests as they enjoy the resources and offerings of their State Park system.

In 1980, seven years into his career, Hill began a four- year stint as Supervising Ranger at the California State Railroad Museum, overseeing all Visitor Services Programs at CSRM and Old Sacramento State Historic Park. "The Museum became a 'school' for me during those years," Hill said. "Then as now, we were working with the community, putting on major events like the first Railfair, and planning for the future of the great museum complex."

His career took him away from CSRM several years later, but the experience of working at such a dynamic park unit stayed with Hill. In the following years, he took great pride "in working myself out of various jobs, time and again," following the implementation of permanent changes that took his staff teams to higher levels of accomplishment.

Among Hill's most memorable undertakings was crafting a vision, creating a team, identifying available resources, and using innovative means to bring about construction of a new Visitor Center at Clear Lake State Park, located in California's Lake County. Once again, he worked himself out of a job while there. His career continued, however, and the intervening years saw Hill involved in managing numerous special projects on behalf of the State Parks system.

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“It is intriguing to come back to the Capital District of California State Parks, this time to oversee all of its units – including the California State Railroad Museum where years ago I learned so much,” Hill said. “I am looking forward to facilitating CSRМ’s achievement of its long-standing goal: the Railroad Technology Museum, final phase of the master plan for this outstanding railroad museum complex.

“I am also looking forward to bringing added visibility to the remainder of the Capital District’s park units, such as the State Capitol, Stanford Mansion, Governor’s Mansion, the State Indian Museum, and Sutter’s Fort. Also, I want to ensure additional stabilization of the cultural and historical resources we hold in trust for all Californians. We have so many one-of-a-kind treasures to protect and to share, so many unique stories to document and to tell, and so many needs for increased access for our audiences.”

Indeed, there is much to be done. As Superintendent of the Capital District, Steve Hill is looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

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